

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for enhancing a chewing gum experience comprising:
  - a gum holding ring having an upstanding member for receiving and holding a piece of chewed gum;
  - a first container body releasably coupled to a first section of the gum holding ring, the first container body defining a first compartment;
  - a second container body releasably coupled to a second section of the gum holding ring, the second container body defining a second compartment for storing candy, and
  - wherein the gum holding ring has openings formed therethrough to permit communication between the first and second compartments and the member extends into the first compartment such that the held piece of chewed gum is disposed in the first compartment, and upon manipulation of the apparatus, the candy in the second compartment travels through the openings and into contact with the chewed gum resulting in the chewed gum being coated with the candy that serves to enhance the flavor of the chewed gum.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first container body is a substantially hollow member that has a closed first end and an open second end and the second container body is a substantially hollow members that has an open first end and a closed second end.

3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein each of the first container body and the second container body is a substantially annular member.

4. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the gum holding ring includes a base section with the upstanding member being selectively attached to the base by a plurality of connecting members, one opening being formed between two adjacent connecting members.

5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the upstanding member comprises a post having a distal end and a proximal end that is integrally attached to the connecting members, the post having a surface altering features near the distal end for aiding in gripping and retaining the chewed piece of gum.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the post has a first cylindrically-shaped section that includes the surface altering features and extends to the distal end and a second conically-shaped section that is formed between the surface altering features and the proximal end.

7. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the surface altering features are in the form of latitudinal ridges.

8. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the connecting members comprise a plurality of spokes that are integrally formed with the proximal end of the post and an inner surface of gum holding ring.

9. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the first section of the base of the gum holding ring includes a first annular flange that along with an annular platform define an annular shoulder, the open second end of the first container body seating against the annular shoulder and on the annular platform.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the open second end of the first container body is frictionally fit around the first annular flange.

11. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein there are three spokes defining three openings permitting communication between the first and second compartments.

12. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first container body is frictionally fit to the first section of the gum holding ring and the second container body is frictionally fit to the second section of the gum holding ring.

13. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the second section of the base includes an inner flange member and an outer flange member with an annular space being formed therebetween, the open first end of the second container body being disposed between



19. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the closed second end of the second container body includes a plurality of vertical ribs integral to and formed around an outer surface of the gum holding ring, the ribs acting as an anti-roll feature when the apparatus is placed on its side since the apparatus sits on a pair of adjacent ribs as opposed to a surrounding smooth surface of the gum retaining ring.

20. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the closed first end of the first container body has a rounded shape and the closed second end of the second container body is a planar end to permit the apparatus to stand upright thereon.

21. An apparatus for enhancing a chewing gum experience by coating a chewed piece of gum with flavorful crunchy candy bits comprising:

a gum holding ring having a base section and an upstanding member connected thereto by a plurality of radial connecting members, the upstanding member adapted to receive and hold the chewed piece of gum, the gum holding ring having a first annular flange formed as part of a first section and a second annular flange formed as part of a second section;

a first container body releasably coupled to a first section of the gum holding ring by a friction fit between the first container body and the first flange, the first container body defining a first compartment;

a second container body releasably coupled to a second section of the gum holding ring by a friction fit between the second container body and the second flange, the

second container body defining a second compartment for storing the flavorful crunchy candy bits, and

wherein the gum holding ring has openings formed therethrough and defined between adjacent connecting members to permit communication between the first and second compartments and the member extends into the first compartment such that the held piece of chewed gum is disposed in the first compartment, and upon manipulation of the apparatus, the flavorful crunchy candy bits in the second compartment travel through the openings and into contact with the chewed gum resulting in the chewed gum being coated with the flavorful crunchy candy bits that serve to enhance the flavor of the chewed gum as well as adding a crunchy texture thereto.